GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2590
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ADULTERATED MILK
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `70 sick after consuming adulterated milk` as reported in the Statesman dated January 12, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government are aware that the sale and manufacture of adulterated milk in the Capital have increased and the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration have totally failed to check such adulteration;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to ask a detailed report from the State Government and would issue any fresh instructions to deal with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. One sample of milk was lifted from the shop mentioned in the news item. The sample has been found to be adulterated as it did not conform to the standards laid down in Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules. Action is being taken against the offender.

(b) to (d) Reports received from the State Government indicate that the enforcement machinery has been geared up and coordinated efforts with local police have been made to take samples of milk and milk products, not only from entry point of Delhi from the adjoining states but also from all over Delhi where milk is being sold. Beside taking the samples of loose milk and poly packs, samples from organisations like Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme have also been lifted.

Following are the figures of the samples of milk lifted during the last three years:-

Year	No. of samples lifted	Found Adulterated
1999	305	50
2000	232	59
2001 upto February, 2001	48	10

The samples which failed the test did so mainly because of non-conformity with the standards for fat, SNF or because these were containing Skimmed Milk Powder.